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Dear Sir,

After final action dated June 7, 2006 due for reply before September 7, 2006, Applicant now submits the clean and marked amended claims with the remarks that follow. Applicant's undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Hand by telephone in late June or early July and discussed proposed claims having negative limitations suggested by Examiner Hand in the final action. Although those claims clearly eliminated any hint that there was a sheath or tubing surrounding the plurality of fibers and that the introducer was completely removed after insertion of the drain, no agreement on further prosecution or allowance was reached and the proposed claims were not entered. This RCE is filed with the amended claims including the negative limitations and further addressing all of Examiner Hand's rejections raised in the June 7, 2006 final action. Clean and marked copies of the amend after final claims and page 12 of the application as filed are submitted for entry by the Examiner.